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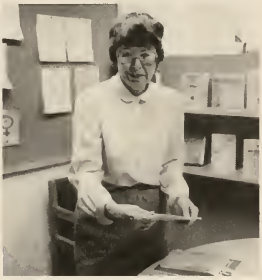

ALENE COOPER RETIRES

Alene Cooper, Coordinator of Library Development, is retiring from the staff of the Montana State Library. Alene began her service in Helena in 1966 as an Administrative Assistant. After receiving a scholarship to attend library school at Columbia University in 1971, she became Director of the Glasgow City-County Library and Coordinator of the Golden Plains Federation. In 1974, she became Director of the Great Falls Public Library and Coordinator of the Pathfinder Federation. Since 1977, she has been Coordinator of Library Development at the State Library.

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Take note!

NOTICE!!!

The MonCat Supplement will be produced in March/April 1986 and will be available to libraries for a cost of approximately $35.00 per set. The supplement will add 700,000 records from some 67 contributing Montana libraries to MonCat. The State Library needs to know how many copies of the supplement to produce as this will affect its cost. If your library plans to buy the supplement, please return the enclosed form to Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library.

Seventy-one people attended the First Anniversary Recognition Dinner for the Montana State Prison Recording Program in Deer Lodge. The dinner gave inmates the chance to meet with users of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped's talking book service whom they serve through their recording of books and magazines.

Sheena LaMere, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at the State Library, speaks to the people gathered at the Montana State Prison Library in Deer Lodge on November 1, 1985 for the dinner recognizing the Prison Recording Program.

THOMPSON NAMED COORDINATOR OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM

Larry Thompson, a biologist in the State Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, has been named Coordinator of the Natural Resources Information System which will be based at the State Library.

A graduate of Montana State University in Bozeman, Larry received his Masters in Zoology from Washington State University. He has worked for the Montana Fish and Game Department in Kalispell and for the last 11 years at the DNRC in Helena. He is the author of numerous articles on wildlife published in such journals as Condor, Audubon and Montana Outdoors. His book, Montana's Explorers, was published by Montana Magazine.

Larry hopes the Natural Resource Information System will provided both public and private groups in Montana a centralized database for finding information on the State's Natural Resources. He will work closely with the Nature Conservancy's Natural Heritage Program here in Helena.

Gathered on a cold winter's day outside the State Library are (left to right) Larry Thompson, Coordinator of the Natural Resource Information System, and the Montana Natural Heritage Program staff: Steve Shelly, Botanist; David Genter, Coordinator/Zoologist; Lisa Shepperd, Data Technician; and Nancy Grulke, Plant Ecologist.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNS

Carleta Wilson has resigned from the State Advisory Council. On the Council, she represented persons who are disadvantaged because of socio-economic, cultural or educational circumstances. A replacement is now being sought for her position. Nominations should be sent to Montana Library Services Council in care of the State Library.

ON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

Public libraries in the state of Montana are governed by a five-member board of trustees. Their responsibilities are much greater than simply advisory. As stated in the Montana Code: "The library board of trustees shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of the public library fund, of construction or lease of library buildings, and of the operation and care of the library (M.C.A. 22-1-309)."

In addition to the governance of the library, the trustees have responsibility for setting policy, planning and evaluation, finance and budgeting. As part of their role, trustees appoint the library director and approve the library budget. Librarians operate libraries and library boards set policy. A good working relationship between the board and the director greatly improves local library service. It is the trustees who insure that a budget is prepared for presentation to the local governing body of a city or county. Their work helps to see that the library is adequately funded.

Though trustees do not supervise the day-to-day operation of a library, they do see that the library is properly managed in accordance with the law and their local policies. Public library service in Montana is at its best when library trustees are concerned about their roles and responsibilities.

The "Let's Talk About It, Montana" project, sponsored by the American Library Association and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, proved to be a success at the 12 participating public libraries (Lincoln County, Hamilton, Missoula, Butte-Silver Bow, Lewis & Clark, Bozeman, Parmly Billings, Rosebud County, Glendive, Glasgow City-County, Harlem and Havre Public Library), with approximately 200 people participating across the state. Five books relating to the contemporary American family were discussed, the programs led by 25 scholars from throughout Montana.

Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Grants are available to Montana libraries through the Montana Arts Council. For an application write:

Cultural & Aesthetic Projects Advisory Committee
c/o Montana Arts Council
35 So. Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59620

AROUND THE STATE

Marci Bird, a library clerk at the Parmly Billings Library, has crafted the national library symbol in stained glass. Her work, the white figure reading on a blue background, has been hung above the library's circulation desk.

Dena Fracolli, previously reference librarian at Montana Tech in Butte, has moved to Columbus, Ohio.

The Gardiner High School Library burned, along with the school, on Friday, November 15th. All books and supplies were lost. Kathy Branaugh, librarian, says the library could use donations of books, current periodicals, and other materials appropriate for a grade 7-12 school library collection. Anyone interested in donating materials may contact: Kathy Branaugh, Gardiner Schools, P.O. Box 26, Gardiner, MT 59030.

"Books on tape" recently purchased by the Bozeman Public Library have proven very popular. Each book, consisting of six to nine tapes of the unabridged text read by a professional reader, is suitable for listening while at home or driving in a car.
(from the Bozeman Daily Chronicle)

Construction is in progress on the expansion to the Sidney Public Library. The 2,258 square foot addition will provide a new children's reading area, handicapped access and an expanded browsing and reading area for adults. Librarian Sue Morrison expects the project to be completed by the end of the year.

Carole Szetela-Biron has been selected as the new Extension Librarian at the Missoula Public Library. Dan Rubey, Technical Services Librarian at the Library, has accepted a position in the Humanities Department of the library at Lehmann College in New York City.

The Billings Area Health Science Information Consortium (BAHSIC), has been awarded a $64,247 grant from the National Library of Medicine. The grant provides funds for updating member libraries' collections, the rental of a telefacsimile machine, a shared database and a coordinator for the Consortium.

The Butte-Silver Bow Library, with the help of the Montana Power Company, has purchased the IBM PC-SIG Public Domain Software Library. Users may make copies of any one of 370 programs by bringing a blank diskette to the library. Programs cover such varied topics as tax help, word processing and computer games.

1987 has been designated "The Year of the Reader" by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. The importance of reading in a democracy will be emphasized throughout the year in various events and projects.

The theme for National Library Week (April 6-12, 1986) is "Get a Head Start at the Library". The American Library Association has a publicity book ($4.00) offering many ideas for programs and promotion during the week and through the rest of the year. For a free catalog of materials or for the publicity book, write: 1986 Library Graphics Catalog, American Library Association, Public Information Office, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

Brian Bernhardt is the new Children's Librarian at the Havre-Hill County Library. He replaces Debbie Kirby who has accepted a position at Northern Montana College.

Barbara Gercken is now librarian at the Great Falls Clinic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Renne Library at M.S.U. has duplicate copies of several Montana-related magazines that they're willing to give away. For further information, contact Anna Price by January 31, 1986 at the Renne library, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717 (994-5300).

A bibliography on Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Manuals available at the State Library is being mailed to public and school libraries around the state. If you're interested in receiving a copy, contact the Reference Department at the Library.

The Fred Meyer Charitable Trust is funding the publication of a Northwest Information Directory. It will attempt to bring together a comprehensive listing of regional information resources. It hopes to list many little-known collections such as those in government offices, corporations or private collections. Anyone who knows of unique information resources or who would like more information on the directory may contact Rob Baird at:

The Information Technology Institute
1135 S.E. Salmon
Portland, OR 97214
(503) 231-1285 or
toll free:
1-800-523-7430

The new Library Media Specialist at the Office of Public Instruction is Margy Rolando. She was Media-Director and Elementary Library Supervisor for the Butte School District.

The Sunnyside Library in Worden celebrated its new building with an open house on November 17th. Spearheaded by efforts of the Huntley Project Lions Club, the building was completed by local labor and funding. Yellowstone County contributed to the project and a grant from IBM helped with the furniture. The library, run by volunteers, operates as a branch of the Parmly Billings Library.

Dennis Frederickson, Public Services Librarian at the Lewis & Clark Library in Helena, has accepted a position as head of the Information Services Department at the Spokane, Washington City Library.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find an insert explaining Montana's Centennial Acre Program, a fund-raising project done in preparation for the state's 1989 centennial.

Seasons' Greetings

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DECEMBER 11 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

I. The Final Draft of the 1985 Blacktail Mission Statement was amended and adopted. Significant changes were:

- the word "funds" in item 1 was changed to "grants"
- the last sentence in item 2 now reads: "Federation plans of service will encourage all public library members to become as independent as possible in interlibrary loan capabilities with continued assistance of the headquarters libraries by July 1, 1988.
- a final sentence was added to item 5. It reads: "The Commission wishes to express its financial commitment to fulfill this goal."

II. Commission approved work to begin on having regional meetings in preparation for a proposed 1989 White House Conference on Libraries.

III. It was decided the State Library Advisory Council would meet in Great Falls on February 26th. A joint meeting with the State Library Commission is planned for the 27th, with the Commission's meeting being held on the 28th of the month.

IV. Mary Hudspeth was elected chairperson of the Commission; C.E. Abramson was elected vice-chair.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY NEWS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1985 CALENDAR

DECEMBER
16 MSLC Continuing Education Executive Committee, Helena
17 Natural Resource Information System Advisory Committee, Helena

1986 CALENDAR

JANUARY
18-23 American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Chicago
29 MSLC Collection Development Committee, Helena
29-31 Special Library Association Winter Meeting, Nashville
26-Feb. 2 Montana Week of the Arts

FEBRUARY
3 Montana Library Association Legislative Committee, Helena
4 Montana Library Association Board, Helena
6 Montana Library Services Advisory Council Meeting, Helena
15 Montana Library Association Board, Helena
22-23 Cultural Advocacy Meeting, Helena
26 Montana State Library Advisory Council, Great Falls
27 Montana State Library Advisory Council, Montana State Library Commission, Joint Meeting, Great Falls
28 Montana State Library Commission, Great Falls

MARCH
1 - 7 Return the Borrowed Book Week

APRIL
2 - 5 Public Library Association National Conference, St. Louis
9 - 12 ACRL Fourtn National Conference, Baltimore
6 - 12 National Library Week
30-May 3 Montana Library Assoc. Conference, Kalispell

MAY
1 Montana Library Services Advisory Council, Kalispell
3 Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Kalispell

JUNE
7 - 12 Special Library Association Annual Conference, Boston
19 Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Missoula
28-July 3 American Library Association Annual Conference, New York

AUGUST
11 - 15 Pacific Northwest Library Assoc., Vancouver, BC, Canada
21 Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Miles City

SEPTEMBER
24-28 American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Minneapolis, MN

OCTOBER
16 Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Havre or Bozeman

DECEMBER
11 Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Helena

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   Capitol Station
   Helena, MT 59620
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   c. an indication where finished deed(s) should be mailed.
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